

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Message To Congress

THE full purport of President Eisenhower's message to Congress relating to the role which the United States intends to adopt to deter Communist China from invasion of Formosa and the strategically important nearby islands of Quemoy and Matsu is not readily apparent.

Conflicting interpretations in Washington and London have already appeared. London observers see in the careful wording of Mr. Eisenhower's message a warning to the Chinese Communists that an attack by them against either Quemoy or Matsu may result in American intervention—if it appears that such attacks will lead to an invasion of Formosa.

Washington, on the other hand, regards the message as a warning that an attack on the island outposts would definitely herald an attack on Formosa and would, therefore, be met automatically by American intervention.

Only on one point does there appear to be general agreement: namely the Quemoy and Matsu are first targets for any attack on Formosa, and that because of their strategic relation to Chiang Kai-shek's stronghold, they must, if it is possible, be denied the Chinese Communists.

THE natural fear created by Peking's persistent references to the necessity of "liberating" Formosa, plus President Eisenhower's latest policy declaration is that Communist China and the United States will find themselves drifting into a state of war which will embroil the rest of the world.

The possibility cannot be denied. But the probability, based on known factors, is remote. The essence of the situation does not seem to have greatly changed since ex-President Truman applied his "neutralisation" policy and invested the US Seventh Fleet with the power to give substance to that policy. Nevertheless President Eisenhower's congressional message does affect the emphasis inherent in the operational orders previously issued to the Seventh Fleet.

Requiring clarification is the implication that Quemoy or any of the other adjacent islands in Nationalist hands could come under American guns. This becomes dangerously suggestive and seems to be a deliberate shift from President Eisenhower's stand last summer against local intervention. The idea that Communist concentration in the big ports could also come under American attack evokes a picture of air reconnaissance and all the attendant risks of accidents that might precipitate events.

ANY such application of American Far East policy is probably far removed from the minds of President Eisenhower and his Administration. The United States basic principles relating to international affairs remain consistent, and they deny completely the employment of inimical or hostile action calculated to increase world tension, or to produce even more unpleasant results.

Much depends on the real reactions of the Peking Government, as distinct from the propagandist vituperation which is inevitable. Those reactions are more likely to stem from realism than emotionalism. The future of the Peking regime does not hinge on the "liberation" of Formosa. It is a small stake unworthy of a dangerously provocative gamble. If this is recognized by Peking there is no danger of the Formosa situation exploding into a general war.

Russia Now Officially At Peace With Germany

Moscow, Jan. 25. The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet—Russia's parliament—has ended the state of war existing between the Soviet Union and Germany since June 22, 1941, it was announced tonight.

At the same time, the Presidium decreed that the termination does not affect existing four-power agreements on Germany. The agreements permit troops of the four powers to occupy German territory.

The Presidium, presided over by President Klement Voroshilov and a Vice-President of the 18 republics, issued the decree ten days after Russia agreed to recognise West Germany provided that she drop her plans to rearm.

Britain, the United States and France terminated the state of war in a joint declaration signed on July 9, 1951. More than 40 other states took similar action but Russia and 11 European states remained technically at war.

THREE POINTS

The Russian decree issued at a press conference here concluded with three points.

1. The state of war between the Soviet Union and Germany terminates and peaceful relations between them are being re-established.
2. All judicial restrictions occasioned by the war in respect of German citizens who were regarded as citizens of an enemy state are invalid.
3. The declaration on the end of the state of war with Germany does not alter her international obligations and does not affect the rights and obligations of the Soviet Union which derive from existing international agreements of the four powers concerning Germany as a whole.

A preamble stated that the policy of Britain, France and the United States aimed at integrating a rearmament of Germany "into active military alignments" had made it impossible to reach agreement on German re-unification and the conclusion of a peace treaty.—Reuter.

VIOLENCE IN GENOA

Genoa, Jan. 25. Many people were injured, some seriously, in violent clashes today between thousands of strikers armed with stones and squads of police using tear-gas bombs.

The disorders, which lasted several hours, originated last Friday when 2,500 dockers went on strike to protest a decision by the port authorities to recruit workers of their own choice instead of selecting them through hiring halls.—France-Press.

Operation Ends

Algiers, Jan. 25. About 8,000 French troops, who have been sweeping the Aures Mountains of Algeria since last Wednesday for hidden outlaws, finished the operation tonight.

They had arrested a number of suspected bandits and confiscated stores of arms.—Reuter.

Neutralise Formosa, Says Canada

Ottawa, Jan. 25. Canada thinks Formosa should be neutralised, pending settlement of the issue in that area by an international conference, the External Affairs Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, told the House of Commons today.

While Canada was not involved in United States commitments in the area, the Canadian government was "deeply concerned over the dangerous situation there" and was anxious to bring to an end the fighting along the China coast, he said.

Mr. Pearson made a formal statement on the question in response to a question put to him yesterday, following President Eisenhower's declaration that the United States was prepared to fight to keep Formosa out of Communist hands.—Reuter.

Women And Children Victims 50 HOMELESS

Two women and two children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed two tenement buildings in Hollywood Road early on Chinese New Year's Day.

About 50 people living in the two buildings were rendered homeless and have been given temporary shelter at Tung Wah Group Hospitals Free School.

Two other persons received burns while attempting to save some of their belongings from the blazing flats.

Bamboo scaffolding was later put up around the destroyed tenement buildings to prevent them from collapsing.

About 1.30 a.m. on Monday, fire broke out in one of the upper flats of No. 167, Hollywood Road, and quickly spread to the upper flats of No. 165.

The fire brigade was summoned and five fire engines and two ambulances were despatched to the scene. With the full water supply available and with an additional supply of salt water, the firemen were able to get the flames under control half an hour later.

When the fire was extinguished, the firemen recovered four charred bodies on the third floor of No. 167, Hollywood Road.

Residents of the two buildings, as well as of the second floor of Nos. 168 and 169 were evacuated and removed to the Tung Wah Group Hospitals Free School. Joss papers and fire crackers are believed to have been the cause of the fire.

UN Move For A Formosa Ceasefire

Peking May Be Invited To Send Representative To The Security Council

Washington, Jan. 25. The possibility of inviting a Communist Chinese representative to the Security Council of the United Nations to discuss a Formosa ceasefire is being considered here, informed diplomatic sources disclosed today.

These sources said that such an invitation could follow or be appended to a United Nations ceasefire resolution, a possibility which was now under discussion between Britain, the United States and New Zealand.

It was emphasised that the appearance of a representative of Communist China before the Security Council would not imply that membership was in the offing. Nor should it be interpreted to mean that the United States was softening its attitude towards recognition.

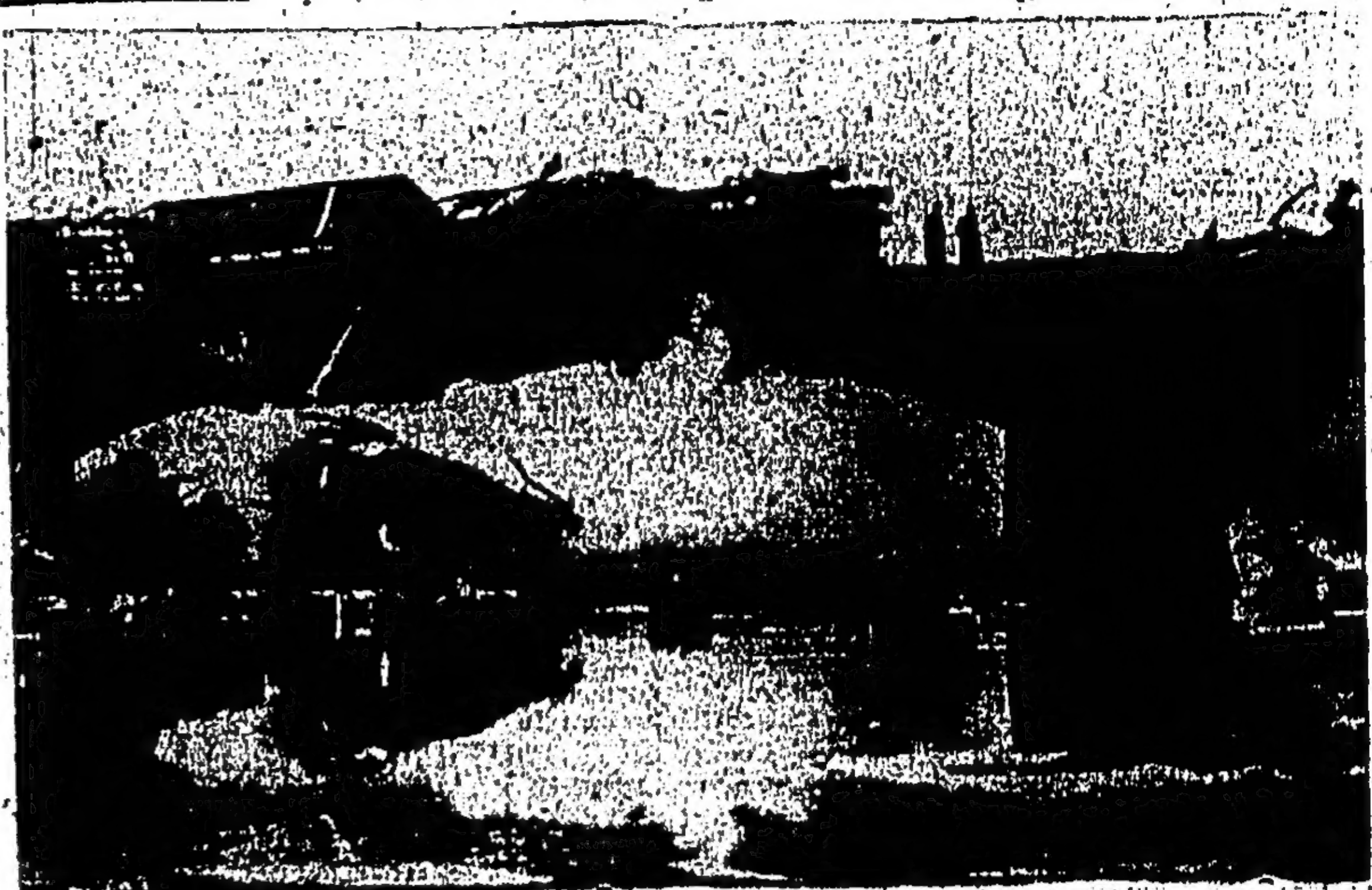
There was precedent for the world body hearing the voice of Communist China, it was pointed out. That occurred when China entered the Korean conflict and a Chinese delegation stated China's case at the United Nations.

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Railway Disaster In France



The scene of the rail disaster near Verdun, France. Two people were killed and many injured when an axle of a goods train broke as the train was crossing a bridge over the river Aller. Two wagons were derailed and slipped into the river. A petrol wagon attached to the train caught fire and added to the chaos.—London Express.

DEFEND FORMOSA RESOLUTION APPROVED BY US CONGRESS

Washington, Jan. 25. A solemn House of Representatives today gave President Eisenhower authority to use United States armed forces to defend Formosa, the Pescadores and "related positions" of that area.

The resolution authorised the President to use the forces as he saw fit to defend these Chinese Nationalist positions against attack by the Chinese Communists.

The resolution empowered the President to "employ the armed forces of the United States as he deems necessary for the special purpose of securing and protecting Formosa and the Pescadores against armed attack, this authority to include the securing and protection of such related possessions and territories of the area now in friendly hands."

It also authorized him to take "such other measures as he judges to be required or appropriate in assuring the defence of Formosa and the Pescadores."

The resolution was sent to the Senate, where it was expected to be approved tomorrow or Thursday.

The House acted on what members termed a war or peace resolution after its rules committee had limited the debate to three hours and prohibited the introduction of any amendments to it.

The resolution was carried by 409 votes to three. Those against were two Republicans and one Democrat.

Only one effort was made to change the resolution, drafted and approved last night, within hours after President Eisenhower had asked the authority from Congress, by the foreign affairs committee of the House. That effort was made in the rules committee, which limited the debate, by Mr. James Fulton, a Republican of Pennsylvania. He tried to have the resolution limit any action to the defence of Formosa and the Pescadores only, a provision cutting off the possibility of an invasion of the Chinese mainland by the Nationalists and limiting the resolution's authority to the present administration. He was unsuccessful.

A AND H BOMBS In the debate, the House was told by Mr. James Richards, Chairman of the foreign relations committee, that there was nothing in the resolution which would either restrict or authorize the use of atomic or hydrogen bombs or other nuclear weapons if shooting should begin around Formosa. These positions were governed by existing rules on "armed" forces and atomic energy, he said. Mr. Richards added that in 70 years in the House, there had been nothing of comparable magnitude, except the declaration of the Second World War. "This resolution, he added, was in the nature of an ultimatum but not actually an ultimatum."

Mr. Joseph Martin, the Republican leader in the House, pledged bi-partisan support for the resolution. "We vote the unanimous adoption of this resolution, in order that the Communists will be shown that we are united."

Unruly Scene Outside Commons

London, Jan. 25. Police on horseback tonight dispersed hundreds of demonstrators milling around the Houses of Parliament here in a noisy protest against West German rearmament.

Several demonstrators were bundled into police vans and taken to a nearby police station. One constable had his helmet knocked off but the mounted men, reinforced by foot police standing almost shoulder to shoulder, stopped the situation from getting out of hand. Very slowly the crowds, still shouting and booing, were pushed back to one corner of Parliament Square and edged into adjoining streets.

When the Commons began its meeting—after a month's Christmas recess—hundreds of people queued outside while extra police stood on guard.

At first they were admitted in small groups to talk to their MPs, but later, after the crowd had swelled to more than 1,000 more police were drafted into the area.

Later, traffic in central London was held up as a procession of about 200 people, carrying banners and chanting slogans against German rearmament, marched through Piccadilly Circus.—Reuter.

Churchill's Tribute

London, Jan. 25. The Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, waved his Bricklayers' Union card while addressing the annual banquet of Master Builders tonight and said: "It is a good thing that it is difficult to get trade union leaders out of their long terms of office."

Sir Winston, who was guest of honour, said the trade union movement in Britain had done a good job for the people.

"Its leaders are playing an ever increasing part in our industrial and complex system of government," he said. "A large part of the influence of our trade union leaders, which is perhaps greater here than in any other country, undoubtedly comes from the long terms during which they held their office and the difficulty to get them out."—United Press.

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Paris, Jan. 25.

The Prime Minister, M. Pierre Mendes-France, met with his old Cabinet for the last time tonight in an important session to pinpoint strategy for next week's dangerous North African debate.

It was a full dress meeting at the Elysee Palace under the presidency of M. Rene Coty.

For the last time M. Mendes-France appeared in his dual capacity of Premier and Foreign Minister. He relinquished the Foreign Minister post on January 20 when he re-vamped his Government with the announced intention of devoting himself full time to France's staggering economy.

Sources said tonight's meeting would be devoted largely to North African policy — particularly to a vast programme of economic and social reforms in Algeria.

ANTI-ALCOHOLISM

But the Premier was also expected to lay before his Ministers several measures concerning his anti-alcoholism campaign and the Interior Minister, M. Francois Mitterand, was to report on the floods.

During the day seven more National Deputies — including four Communists — deposed interpellations in the Chamber on M. Mendes-France's North African programme. That brings the total to 15.

But the wily French Premier working against time to head off the opposition by a series of dramatic gestures similar to those which have saved his Government time and again in the past.

He has two important strings in his bow.

One, the Tunisian self-rule negotiations, and, two, the planned Algerian reforms. M. Mendes-France met with the Tunisian delegation again today and sources said the general atmosphere was optimistic. A week ago the talks were deadlocked but in a dramatic night-long session (ending at 5.45 a.m. on Monday) the Premier and the Tunisian delegates reached agreement on all but two articles of the 20-article convention.

A successful conclusion of the talks would do much to offset criticism of the Premier's policy in the Assembly.

Some sources said that M. Mendes-France might even

place a deadline on the length of the talks, as he did so dramatically last June when he announced he would bring peace to Indo-China in one month or resign.

Also slated for discussion tonight are the anti-alcohol campaign and the surplus of both wine and milk in France. M. Mendes-France talked those problems over with the Agriculture Minister, M. Roger Houct, this morning.

THE FLOODS

The floods — M. Mitterand reported — the full extent of the damage so far to the French economy and the measures taken to minimise the disaster.

Finances — A report from the retiring Finance Minister, M. Edgar Faure, on proposed fiscal reforms. A communiqué on this point may be issued at the conclusion of the meeting, sources said. M. Faure succeeded M. Mendes-France to the Foreign Ministry.

Elections — Set the date for the national elections. — United Press.

B.O.T. Cotton
Textile
Discussions

London, Jan. 25.

A delegation representing the cotton textile industry is to confer here tomorrow with Mr A. F. Low, Minister of State at the Board of Trade.

Mr Low has recently returned from India and the discussion will centre on trade questions affecting that country.

The spectacular increase in Indian cloth imports into Britain — against which the cotton industry has protested — will be one of the subjects raised. But the meeting is expected to review broader issues of trade between the two countries. — Reuters.

Off To The Antarctic



The 600-ton diesel-engined sailing vessel, Norsel, left London last week to assist the Royal research ship, John Biscoe, in her relief of the British bases in the South Polar regions. This picture shows the Norsel at Millwall Dock with snow-covered trucks on the quay alongside. — Central Press Photo.

India-Pakistan
Differences
May Be Settled

New Delhi, Jan. 25.

Both President Rajendra Prasad of India and the Pakistan Governor-General, Ghulam Mohammed, hinted tonight that the end of the differences between their two countries might be in sight.

Dr Prasad, speaking at a banquet in honour of Mr Mohammed's official visit, said he did not think there was any problem between the two countries that could not be solved in a spirit of friendship and understanding.

our own problems resolved we march together in the service of humanity." — France-Press.

British Troops
To Stay In
Korea

London, Jan. 25.

Britain will maintain military forces in Korea as long as they are required there by the United Nations, Mr Harold Macmillan, Defence Minister, said in the House of Commons today.

British troops in the Korean theatre, he said, now totalled some 10,000 men. He was replying to a question by a Labour M.P., Mr Harold Davies, who had asked when the Government intended to bring the troops home. — France-Press.

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POSSIBLE U.S. POLICY SWITCH



MARSHAL TITO

Tito Leaves For Home

Bombay, Jan. 25. President Josip Tito of Yugoslavia left tonight for home in the warship Galah after his state visit to India and Burma.

He was seen off by the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, Admiral Sir Mark Pizey, and a large gathering of officials.—France-Press.

Pakistan Republic Will Accept The Queen

Ottawa, Jan. 25. Mr. Muhammad Ali, Pakistan Prime Minister, said he today told Queen Elizabeth would continue to be accepted in Pakistan as the Queen of the Commonwealth after Pakistan had become a republic later this year.

Mr. Ali, who is here on a visit, said he had on a recent official visit, told a Press conference that the Queen's position was a symbolic link. That link would be continued through the President, who would replace the present Governor-General after Pakistan became a republic, he added.—Reuter.

Spanish U.N. Observer

Washington, Jan. 25. Spain has been authorized to send a permanent observer to the United Nations in New York, Spanish Embassy sources said today.

Troop for the post is Senor Jose de Arellano, the Ambassador. The sources said he would hold both posts concurrently.—France-Press.

Acceptance Of China-Formosa Co-Existence

By Paul Rankine

Washington, Jan. 25.

A major switch in United States policy, accepting the idea of "peaceful co-existence" between the Chinese Communist Government on the mainland and the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa, may be in the making, political observers here said today.

They expressed this view after talks with high Administration officials, who said the United States Government had written off the possibility of restoring the Chinese Nationalists to power on the mainland by armed forces.

The suggestion is that the United States will use its power under the proposed mutual defence treaty with Nationalist China to veto any armed invasion of the mainland.

Observers say a United States decision to this effect should encourage an atmosphere in which a cease-fire between the Communists and Nationalists could be more easily arranged.

STRONG OPPOSITION

Communist China has already shown strong opposition to the idea of a cease-fire while Formosa is still in Nationalist hands.

Administration officials are comparing the division in the Far East between the Chinese Communists and Nationalists to divided Germany and Korea.

They hasten to add that this does not mean the Eisenhower Administration has forever abandoned the Chinese mainland to Communist rule.

The emphasis is placed on the long-term possibilities of internal splits developing, which could lead to a return of a non-Communist government.

The view expressed by officials here is that Nationalist China's role should not be one of invading the mainland but of preparing to play a principal and decisive part if and when unrest develops.—Reuter.

Italian Deputies Suspended

Rome, Jan. 25.

Giuliana Nenni, daughter of the left-wing Socialist leader, Signor Pietro Nenni, was today suspended for three successive sessions of the Chamber of Deputies for slapping a fellow deputy last Saturday.

Receiving the same punishment was Ernesto de Martino, who refused to speak under the chairmanship of Edoardo D'Amico, Communist, had provoked the slapping incident.—France-Press.

Marilyn & Joe Dine Out

Boston, Jan. 25. Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio are visiting Boston, but deny that they are reconciled. The screen star and the former New York Yankee slugger were spotted last night at a restaurant with DiMaggio's brother, Dom, and Dom's wife, Emily. "In this a reconciliation Joe?" a newsmen asked DiMaggio. "Is it, honey?" Joe asked Marilyn. "Well, just call it a visit," Marilyn said with a smile. The nine-month marriage of the couple ended in divorce last October 27.—United Press.

EX-VICHY OFFICIAL ACQUITTED

Paris, Jan. 25.

Georges Billard, 54-year-old former Minister of the Vichy regime during the German occupation, was today acquitted by the High Court of Justice on various charges, including arbitrarily suspending a number of mayors.

He had been sentenced in absentia to five years' imprisonment in 1947. A former Secretary of State for Fine Arts and an ex-prefect, Billard surrendered to the authorities in 1952 and was immediately granted provisional authority.

In his defence it was stated that he had helped to protect Freemasons, Communists, Jews and others from the Germans while he held office.

The court's verdict was greeted with applause.—France-Press.

Airmen's Release Will Be U.N. Victory

Washington, Jan. 25.

The United States is still hopeful that the American airmen gaoled by Red China will be freed as a result of United Nations effort, a high State Department official said tonight.

Mr. David Key, Assistant Secretary of State for U.N. Affairs, noted that there had been disappointment that the airmen were not freed immediately after the mission to Red China by the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld.

"We will not consider the Secretary-General's mission a success until the fliers are freed, but we are hopeful that with the exercise of restraint there will be a successful outcome," he said in an address prepared for delivery before the Vassar Club of Washington.

"This would be a new demonstration of the effectiveness of international moral opinion as mobilized through the United Nations."

Meanwhile, the State Department disclosed that it had received passport inquiries from three persons who apparently want to accept the Chinese offer to let them visit their gaoled kin.—United Press.

COSTA RICAN REBELS ARE INTERNED

San Jose, Costa Rica, Jan. 25.

Costa Rican rebels, including former President Rafael Calderon Guardia, who led the ill-starred revolt, began streaming across the border into Nicaragua today and promptly were interned.

Arrival of the rebel forces in Nicaraguan territory — through the abandoned former six-mile-wide buffer zone — was announced in San Jose, the Nicaraguan capital of Managua and in Washington.

With Calderon, a Foreign Ministry announcement here said, was his brother Francisco.

NEWS PUBLISHED

Walling streets on top of newspaper buildings brought thousands of persons running to read the news chalked on huge blackboards in front of the buildings.

The surrender of the well-armed rebel force, which found sanctuary when the Organisation of American States created the demilitarized corridor, appeared to end the threat of border incidents with Nicaragua and to mark a definite end to the revolution, which actually collapsed last Friday.

Costa Rican troops were cautiously following the fleeing rebels up to the border line.

The O.A.S. Commission, which had been on the verge of leaving for Washington with a Costa Rican "solution" to the explosive border situation, immediately called a closed meeting to consider a possible change in plans.

News of the mass surrender came from the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister, Oscar Sevilla Sacasa, who reported to the Commission head, Luis Quintanilla of Mexico, that more than 250 rebels had been disarmed and interned upon leaving Costa Rican territory.

O.A.S. observers at Pena Blanca, just inside the Nicaraguan frontier, confirmed that they had seen about 300 cross to safety there.—United Press.

Wool Takes Pride Of Place

London, Jan. 25.

Wool took pride of place as Britain's most important industry, in terms of overseas earnings, during 1954, according to Board of Trade returns.

Although the Board's figures show wool heading the list with exports to the value of £125 million, followed by passenger cars and chassis at £119 million, both figures are exceeded by the total sales abroad of wool textiles and partly processed wool, amounting to £136 million.—France-Press.

PMs To Discuss All Problems

London, Jan. 25.

Sir Winston Churchill said today the forthcoming Commonwealth conference in London would discuss all the important questions in the world today that are currently of interest to them.

A Labour member, Mr. Sorensen, had asked in the House of Commons if the Prime Minister would state the main points on the agenda of the conference.

He also asked whether he would propose that issues involved in the relationship of the Commonwealth nations should receive consideration.

In a written reply, Sir Winston said: "The meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers had been arranged to enable them to consider together in an intimate and informal way, as has been the practice of such meetings over a period of years, all the important questions in the world today that are currently of interest to them."

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

"They certainly will wish to discuss the international situation and recent developments in foreign affairs, and to review progress in the economic and financial field. "Mr. Sorensen will no doubt realise that having regard to the private character of the meeting, it would be difficult for me to go into further detail this afternoon."—Reuter.

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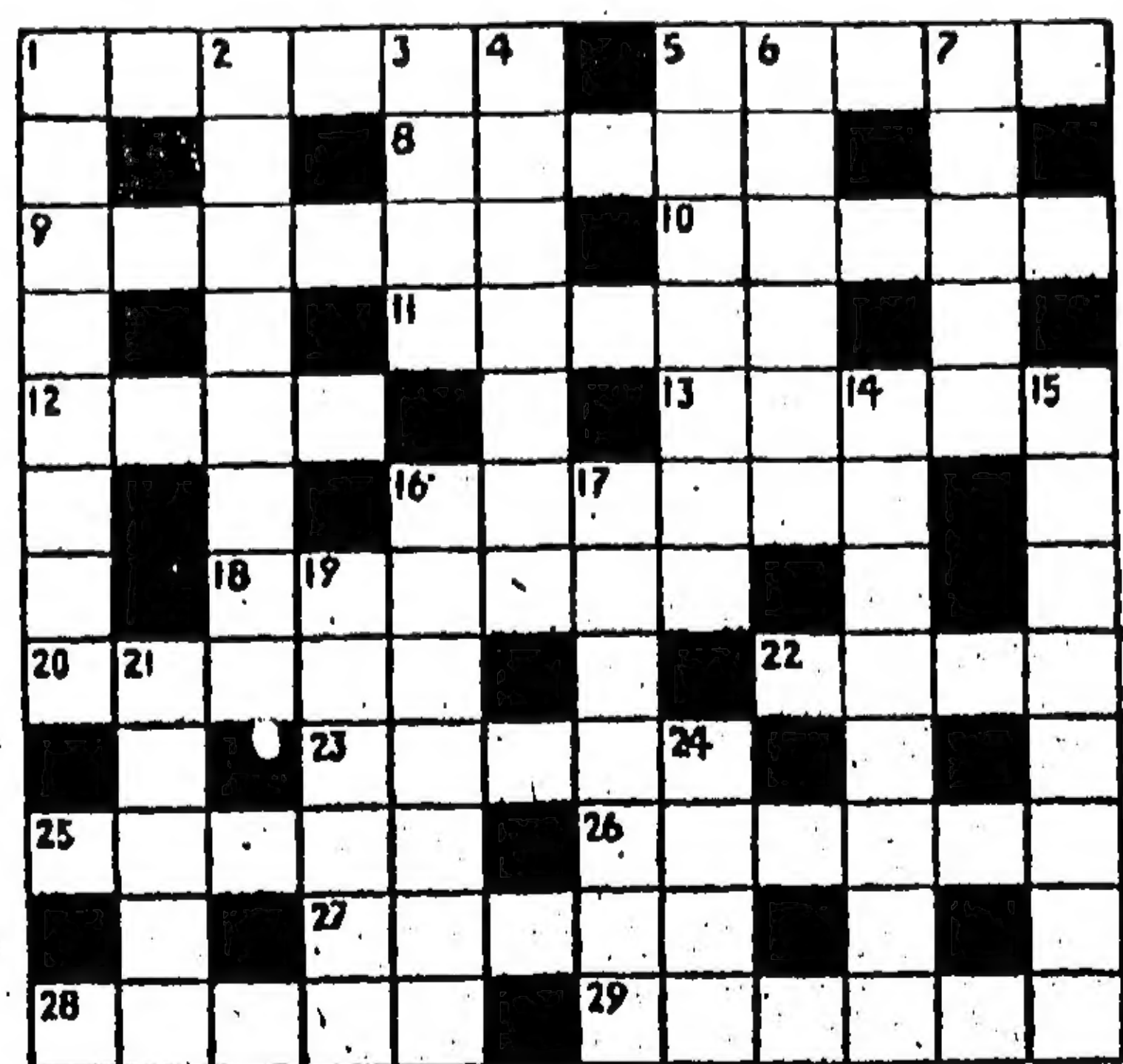


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- ACROSS**
1 Feverish (6).
5 Smears (5).
8 Aspirant for a commission (6).
9 Load (6).
10 Discovered (5).
11 Blamable (5).
12 Den (4).
13 Stop (5).
16 Refrain from (6).
18 Precious stone (6).
20 Bird (5).
22 Transaction (4).
23 Speaks bombastically (5).
24 Wanderer (5).
25 Clear (6).
27 Submit to (5).
28 Mount (5).
29 Feels (6).

- DOWN**
1 Walking with difficulty (8).
2 Bearing (8).
3 Cold confections (4).
4 Case of cutlery (7).
5 Shortage (7).
6 Makes reputation (6).
7 Ties (5).
14 Endeavour (8).
15 Goes off with a bang (8).
16 Feared (7).
17 Decides on (7).
19 Scrape (6).
21 Perch (6).
24 Ancestor (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Mirror, 5 Inter, 8 Mean, 9 Eldest, 11 Equal, 12 Detour, 14 Cart, 16 Ideas, 18 Inure, 19 Hard, 20 Common, 24 Rough, 25 Papers, 26 Ever, 27 Trend, 28 Heared, Down: 1 Meek, 2 Rain, 3 Omit, 4 Rejoice, 5 Theatrical, 6 Founded, 7 Release, 10 Cedar, 13 Minister, 14 Culture, 16 Reheated, 17 Droop, 18 Member, 21 Mera, 22 Ties, 23 Used.

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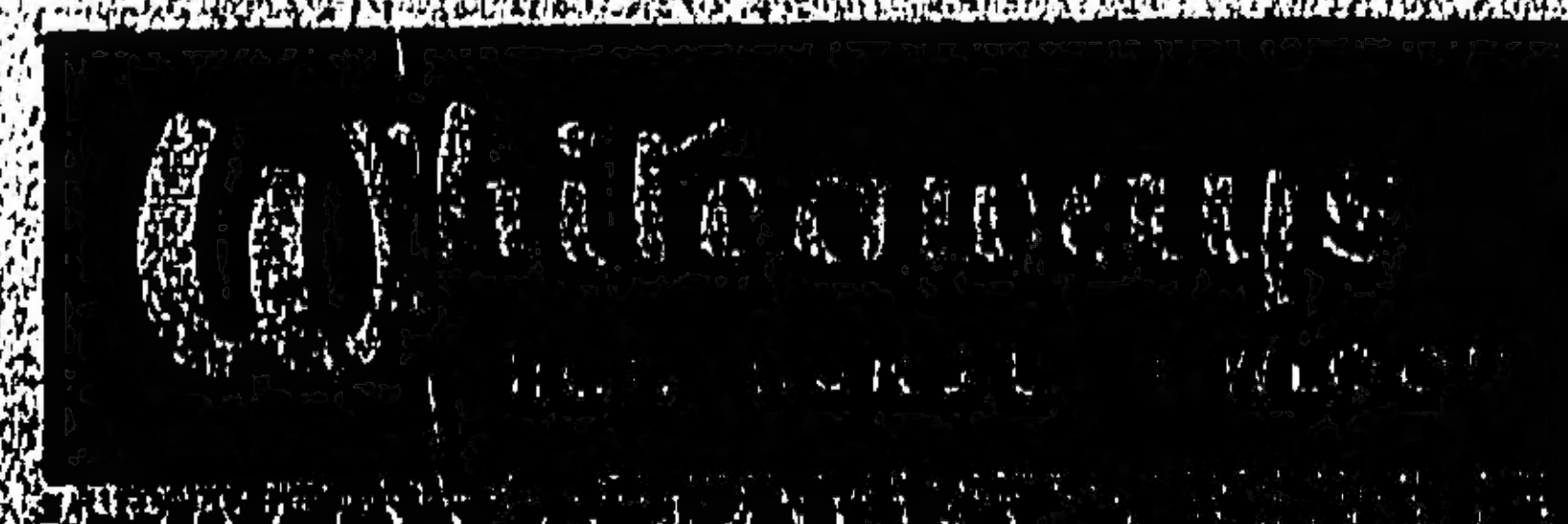
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By IVOR HERBERT

Relics Found

Two executions in the family and the obvious wish of the English monarchy to have the treasure for itself somewhat damped the ardour of the Argyllys for the hunt. Time passed, the galleon settled deeper in the sea bed, and appliances then in existence were not capable of penetrating the clay.

Rival Fleets

A Bargain

That is how the Spanish galleon came to rest in the mud within a stone's throw of our shore. How it has remained there ever since is also an odd chapter.

The rights to the wreck also vested by Royal Charter in the Earls (now the Dukes) of Argyll with a clause that King Philip crown and one percent of the treasure should be surrendered

From time to time in the 18th century various valuable relics were recovered, but it was not until the invention of the diving suit in the 1870s that further progress seemed possible. Dowling went a diver, but failed to find the wreck in the silt, and as he was searching his air pipe burst and he had the narrowest possible escape from drowning.

Hunt Is On

THE late Colonel Foss made the next attempt, having traced the galleon's resting place on a long lost chart. But his early efforts were ended by the First World War. When he returned again in 1919 he found that the marks he had left to pinpoint the wreck had mysteriously disappeared and no one could tell him when or where they had gone.

Colonel Foss had to begin again from scratch. Silver spoons, encrusted swords and Spanish daggers, flakes from gold, enamelled silver, salvers were, intermittently, retrieved by using pressure hoses to disperse the clay. But one of these happened to strike the colonel, injuring him so severely that he nearly died, and certainly prevented him from pursuing the search further.

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

HERE is Old Moore Gubbins again giving you his terrifying forecast for the New Year. Those inclined to sneer at O.M.G. might remember that many of his sombre predictions for 1954 came true.

JANUARY. The weather will be vile, but not so vile as the weather next June. The influenza virus, having flourished and multiplied during the mild December days, will stir up a full force about the middle of the month. A warm, sunny spell will revive the tiresome arguments about H-bombs interfering with normal weather conditions. End-of-the-Worlders will ask: "Is winter changing to summer and summer to winter, according to the prophecies?"

believe them. But not the old age pensioners. Bronzed and fit, they will march in sun-hats down Whitehall demanding £40 a week.

DECEMBER. As this month is blank in Old Moore Gubbins' crystal ball he thinks the End-of-Workers may be right when they say there will be no Christmas 1955. Except possibly for old age pensioners.

Dog Reads

Shakespeare

THE Animal's Newspaper.
 Edited by N. Gubbins
 Esq. has had a busy time.

Members of its brilliant team of animal keepers were present to introduce three beasts in the lions—Monberno Gerald, the St Bernard dog who can read the time, and can do sums written on a blackboard; polioed dog Rex III., who was wounded by a gunman in the 1918 war; and the Canine Defence League's bronze medal; and Meekie, the American seafaring cat who travelled across the Pacific on a raft with William Willis and ate the other passengers' barret guns before arriving at Fagogo.

Here are the brilliant inter-
views.

Wrinkle-browed, sad-eyed one-year-old, 4ft. 6in., unmarried "Berny," as the dog genus Mr. Monberno Gerald known to his numerous friends, barked 54 times when I asked him "How many shopping days to Christmas?"

Afterwards, as one animal
another, he said:

"I could have answered 'fifty-four' just like that except that it would frighten people to hear a dog speaking. So I have to bark instead. That becomes tiresome when dealing in big numbers. I can only hope nobody asks me how many miles it is to the moon."

Questioned about his reading
Mr. Gerald said:

"Of course, it's kids' stuff," reading "Bring me my shoes" and "Bring me my paper" on the blackboard, but again it would be unwise to let people know we can read anything. As it is, we scan the headlines of the paper before I bring it and read most of the letters left lying about. Some of them are most revealing."

"Fond of Shakespeare?" asked.

"As a matter of fact," replied Mr. Gerald with his downy rumbling laugh, "I find Shakespeare rather a bore except that it's always a pleasure to save the beautiful and familiar lines. But I enjoyed 'Was a Peace.'"

"How can you find time
read so much in private,
Gerald?"

"Sometimes I read over people's shoulders," said Gerald, "but more often I am able to switch on the kitchen light when everybody is in bed and spend many cozy hours with a bone and a book in front of the stove."

"PLEASE don't call me a hero," were the first words uttered by handsome brown-eyed, long-nosed, 5ft. 8 in. (on his hind legs) police dog Mr. Rex, when I asked for details of the exploit that won him the bronze medal for gallantry. "I was just doing my job and I suppose I was lucky. I am sure many other police dogs deserve the same recognition."

Asked if he expected to win
bar to his decoration, Mr. R
cracked back:

"I don't know, but I shall have to spend a long time in the service before I win many honors as Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery."

SLEEK, dark-haired, green-eyed, many-times married American sailor cat, Mr. Meek has no regrets for eating a parrot three days before reaching port after being shipmate during their 6,500-mile voyage on a raft.

"I guess I was hungry, and he had been giving me the Billingsgate for weeks," said Mr. Monte.

"You don't regard it as murder, Mr. Meekie?"

"Is it murder when you eat a chicken?" snarled Meekie. "They're both birds."

"Life must have been pretty tough on that voyage,"

"Mister?"

"If you mean the parrot."

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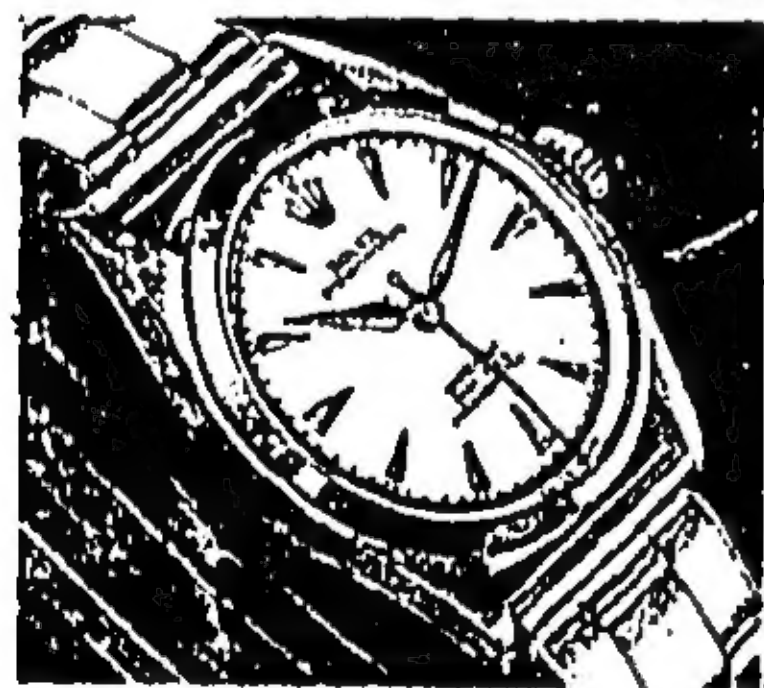
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SPORTING SAM By Reg. Wootton



HOLIDAY SOFTBALL

Chinese Ladies Upset Portugal In The International Series

The Chinese Ladies upset the strong Portugal Ladies yesterday to take the second game of the three-game International Series. China downed the Americans 21-15 to go into the final of the Men's International Series. Pakistan vs. Portugal was postponed.

Jackie Wei of China pitched well in the beginning and held the Americans scoreless for four innings while his team piled up eight runs. However, the Yankees were hitting him during the fifth and obtained three runs though still trailing 3-9 at the end of that inning.

W. K. Wong relieved Jackie Wei during the sixth but he was battered out of box in the seventh and the latter was put back on the mound after the Yankees had the score at 11-0. The inning ended at 12-11 in favour of Americans.

Meehan, the Yankee pitcher, seemed to go wild in the eighth. He walked four and the Yankees chalked up six runs to put them in front again. Americans came back with

three runs, but still trailing 15-17. The Chinese tried hard during the last frame and pushed across four more runs, but the Americans did not get any though they made two hits and final score stood 21-15.

Winning Pitcher Jackie Wei yielded nine hits, four walks but struck out five. Relief pitcher W. K. Wong gave up five hits one walk and struck out none. Losing pitcher Meehan yielded only eight hits but issued 19 free tickets and whiffed five also. He made a three-run homer during the sixth frame.

NOT AT FULL STRENGTH

Portugal Ladies did not turn out at full strength. Evelyn Alonco did well on the mound and she spaced six hits during the grueling nine innings. However, 14 misuses by her teammates cost the game.

Portugal won the toss but chose to bat first. Sheila Collico was the first to cross the plate, but the rest went out three straight.

The Chinese Ladies fought back and led by 3-1 in the first. Portugal Ladies made their rally in the second. They pushed four runs across before two down and Yolanda Silva slammed a homer before their turn was over.

They made another run in the third but the Chinese Ladies were able to receive two through their misuses, and were trailing 5-7. During the fourth the Chinese Ladies added another run to come closer and at the end of fifth the score was 8-7 with the Portugal Ladies leading by one run.

The tying run came in the seventh when field-out Miss L. S. Yin, who reached first on a fumbled third strike, stole second, went to third on a pass ball and came home on a fumbled third strike.

Both teams made no advance in the extra frame and they went into the ninth canto where the Portugal Ladies failed to make any headway.

It was Miss L. S. Yin again who was passed after one down, and stole second. The next batter grounded to short-stop and, also for the Portugal Ladies, the fielders throw to first station was wildly off range and Miss L. S. Yin denied the rubber for the winning run.

SAINTS WIN 5-4

The St Joseph's Old Timers edged out hard-hitting Braves 5-4 in a thrill-packed game before a large crowd on Sunday. Fielding errors accounted for the defeat of the Tribesmen as they bobbled no less than seven times while their opponents only committed two errors.

Braves had first go. Bull Dhabber hit a first after two down and Manuel and Anthony Gutierrez were passed to load the bases. Frankie Loureiro's timely hit scored both Dhabber and Manuel Gutierrez. Saints' Gussie Pereira walked and went to second on a pass ball. Benny Omar's infield grounder was fumbled. Pereira

advanced to third and came home on another pass ball. Dave Leonard's hit brought Benny Omar home and the score was 2-2 even at the end of first inning.

Both sides were retired three straight in the second frame though Ignar Erickson obtained a two-bagger.

In the third canto Carlu Yvanovich slammed a solid one to the gap between the left and centre fielders. The ball went for the ball and ran full tilt into each other. The ball went through and Carlu Yvanovich came home before the two fielders were able to get to their feet again. The game was suspended for about ten minutes.

Saints' veteran Arturo Ozorio reached first on a fumble and stole second safely. Benny Omar batted in Ozorio with a spinning right-field fly and went to third. Head of steering angles were missed by the outfielder. Dave Leonard's long sacrifice fly brought Benny Omar home. The score was now 4-3 in favour of Saints.

THIRD TIME

Both sides again went down three straight in the fourth, and Braves were turned back the third time with three successive outs. Together with a free ticket and advanced to second on a fumble. Dave Leonard lofted a one-baser to right field which scored Gussie Pereira. Saints then led 5-3 at the end of fifth.

Bull Dhabber, who came up first in the sixth, connected a solid three-bagger over the right field fence and was batted in by Manuel Gutierrez' sacrifice hit. Saints were sent back to the bench without any run though they still led narrowly by 5-4.

The Braves almost tied the score in their last inning. Junior Remedios made a bludge over the pitcher for an infield hit. Junior Remedios was advanced to third. By the time Arturo Ozorio had gloved the ball, Junior Remedios, assuming the ball would be thrown to first for the last out, tried to steal home. However, experienced Ozorio knew he could not allow Carlu Yvanovich out with his back toward the first station and he hurled the ball to the catcher.

This caught Junior Remedios and stranded between bases. With a run and a chase Remedios was at last tagged out at third when he tried to go back there, which ended the hope of a tie for Braves and the game.

TOMMY ATKINS TOMORROW

Tommy Atkins' "Army Sports Parade," a weekly Wednesday feature, has had to be held over owing to pressure on space and will appear in tomorrow's China Mail.

ONE EASY WAY TO AROUSE A CYCLIST'S IRE IS TO CRITICISE HIS EQUIPMENT

By "N'TACA"

The cyclist is a beast of fairly equable temperament, but one certain way to arouse his ire is to criticise his choice of Equipment, Position or Frame Angles. Many a beautiful friendship has been wrecked irrevocably by a discussion on machines, or by a tactless question on the lines of, "Why on earth do you ride that animated bedstead?"

Equipment and position are two things which lead themselves to the individual approach, and any rider can rationalise to a certain extent his choice of even the most improbable accessories. But mechanical factors such as wheelbase, bracket height, fork rake and frame angles are an entirely different kettle of fish. Not that a set design is exactly suitable for everyone. It is not, but there are some basic elements which must be accepted as prerequisites for all good frames.

To take first the question of Wheelbase, the distance between the points of contact with the road of the front and rear wheels. Immediately prior to the last official war there was a trend in favour of the Ultra-short base, with measurements going down, in one case, as low as 37½ inches. While these atrocities were undoubtedly slightly more rigid than the more conservative designs, they made up for this gain by being almost unrideable on rough roads and down steep descents. Fortunately the fashion has disappeared, never it is hoped, to return.

The current idea gives a measurement of 40-41 inches, with a back play of 17½. This design gives plenty of rigidity in the frame, with a more comfortable ride and more control.

My own inclination is for a slightly longer rear stay, of up to 18½ inches, to give extra stability on hills and when out of the saddle. "Honking" up the steep bits. The loss due to additional "Whip" I have found to be negligible, and is more than offset by the feeling of being "in," not "on," my machine.

FRAME ANGLES

Now to frame angles. Let me commence by saying that I consider the seat tube angle to be relatively unimportant, as there is plenty of adjustment on the modern saddle to allow for correct positioning, certainly up to two or three degrees either way. Head or steering angles are very important, and must be carefully allied to the fork rake in use.

During the Ultra-short Wheelbase era I mentioned above, Steering angles became steeper than ever before, going up to the wonderful 76 degrees of a certain maker, and averaging around the 74 mark.

Things have settled down to the 72-73 degree head that we know today. Together with a fork rake of 2-2½ inches, this angle gives a steering which is sensitive enough to make a rider feel absolutely safe when riding in a bunch, at the same time being moderate to the extent that he does not have to spend all his time on the flat or down hills, wrestling his cycle like a mettlesome horse, but can ride "hands-off" or honk up hills whilst maintaining a straight line. The fork rake has sufficient resilience to give a comfortable ride over the average route, yet is rigid enough to eliminate excessive sway on fast corners.

If I may be allowed to reminisce a little—and who is to stop me?—I would like to tell you of two machines I owned in my younger days, one of which approached nearer to my ideal than any other I have had.

The first was a racing cycle, specially designed by a large manufacturer for the great Australian rider, Hubert Opperman, when he carved up the British records in 1934 and 1935. With its 41½ inch wheel base, 3 inch fork angles of 69 degrees, it gave me the finest cycling I have ever experienced.

SILKY-SMOOTH

Silky-smooth over the roughest surfaces, including the notorious Oxford pave, it held the line of approach as though glued in spite of my erratic and frantic efforts at "dancing" up the hills, or whistling flat out around the bends at a fast drop. Truly, a Great cycle.

The second was a product of the now-defunct firm of Saxoni, the "Paramount" model. Again

a 41½-inch base, but with the very upright (for the time) angles of 71 degrees for both head and seat, again with a 3-inch fork offset. Once more a delightfully smooth ride over any surface.

Any Yorkshireman who knows that I have in this frame both climbed Sutton Bank many times, and dropped, without the use of brakes, down its polished surface with complete confidence, will appreciate to the full the pride of ownership one could derive from the possession of such a triumph of the cycle-maker's art.

Still, enough of reminiscence. The fact does remain that there are basic dimensions, the use of which will ensure a first-class frame. Stick to these, and leave the wild experimentation to those rich enough to be able to lay aside the unfortunate results of a craving for novelty, when they find out, as they will, that the regular designs are best after all.

STANDARDS GO UP

Standards go up, and the times come down. Latest Colony record to fall to progress is the 50 miles Time Trial Team figure, put by the 7th Hussar team at the high mark of 0-28-43, some 10½ minutes off the previous best, by the Kai Tak Exiles.

Chief performer was Holt, who won the event (the NTACA Championship at the distance) with a magnificent 2-6-11, only 66 seconds outside the Colony record.

Record-holder Beck could manage "only" a 2-7-23 in a private trial the same afternoon. Roit was ably backed up by Cowham (2-9-52) and Bouch (2-12-40).

This event also counted towards the Army Inter-Unit Team Championships, which is now led by the RENE team with a total of 285 points from two events, the 7 Hussar boys filling second position with 194. With the 100 Miles, Massed Start and Hill Climb Championships still to be decided, the position is very open, and some keen competition is forecast.

Last week's question certainly brought the letters in shoals. And, as usual, they do every thing but agree. However, one point has emerged from the storm and that is the desire on the part of the majority for Handicap awards, main line of argument being that such awards would encourage the not-so-good to compete regularly. A good point, but one which raises another. What brave man would like the job of Handicapper?

"TOP SECRET"

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Nowadays there seems to be a multiplicity of "Championships" and the number of riders who emerge with one or more titles can become a trifle confusing. By

which subtle means I approach the question of the Week. What single event, at what distance, could well be called the True Championship? And, of course, Why?

Lindwall Unfit For The Fourth Test

Brisbane, Jan. 25.

Australia's fast bowler, Ray Lindwall, is out of the Fourth Test against England beginning at Adelaide on Friday.

A Brisbane specialist who examined him today said he was suffering from a slight muscle strain in the calf of his right leg and would need to rest. Lindwall had difficulty in walking today.

Arthur Morris, the New South Wales left-hand opening bat, will take Lindwall's place among the Australian XII. The selectors have yet to nominate the 12th man.

Morris played in all three previous Tests, as captain; Australia in the Second, for which Ian Johnson was unfit. Lindwall hurt his leg while batting for Queensland against Victoria yesterday.

MADDOCKS FIT
Victorian Wicketkeeper Len Maddocks, retained in preference to Gil Langley, who missed the Third Test through injury, asked for a medical check on the little finger of his right hand. He originally hurt it in a Sheffield Shield game in December and played in the Third Test with the finger protected by a wire cage. He was declared fit to play. —Reuter.

"Little Mo" To Play At Wimbledon

San Diego, Jan. 25.

Miss Maureen Connolly, United States lawn tennis star, said here yesterday that she would defend her Wimbledon title this summer.

Miss Connolly, U.S. Women's Tennis Champion until an injury prevented her from competing last year, said she would also play in the French National Tournament. —Reuter.

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G. "ASTYANAX"	Liverpool	Hong Kong
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G. "ELFENOR"	24th Jan.	28th Feb.
S. "ACAPENOR"	3rd Feb.	10th Mar.
G. "PATROCLUS"	7th Feb.	13th Feb.
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MACAO WINS INTERPORT HOCKEY

Macao beat Hongkong 1-0 in the annual Hockey Interport today. The goal was scored in the second half. It was awarded as a result of a penalty bully when Bhagat Singh tripped Jorge who was on the point of scoring. Hongkong's "B" team deservedly beat Macao 1-0 while Kowloon Ladies beat Hongkong Ladies 3-2 after extra time. (From Our Own Correspondent).

HKCC BEAT THE REST BY 128 RUNS

The Hongkong Cricket Club proved too good for the Rest of Hongkong in a whole day friendly game played at Chater Road yesterday and won by the big margin of 128 runs.

The home team batted first and amassed a huge total of 220 runs before declaring with six wickets intact. Top scorer was Donald Leitch, 59 not out, with 1. L. Stanton contributing 49. The Rest XI were soon in trouble and lost their first six wickets for only 35 runs. Mahon and Pritchard did all the damage, the former claiming four wickets and the latter two. The tail-enders put up 58 runs.

Tommy Mahon took four wickets for 23 runs in 10 overs, four of which were maidens, while Stanton took three for 13 in five overs.

THE SCORES

Rest of Civilians	
G. A. Souza, c. Spink b. Mahon	13
A. M. Prata, b. Mahon	0
H. P. Madar, lbw. b. Mahon	1
A. Zimmerman, st. Hughes b. Pritchard	8
B. Dhaner, c. Pickstone b. Pritchard	1
P. English, b. Mahon	7
S. M. Teh, c. Hubble b. Stanton	20
R. Jenner, c. Spink b. Stanton	13
W. Davidson, st. Hughes b. Stanton	4
R. Bell, c. Knight b. Stanton	10
A. Whitehead, not out	10
Extras	10
Total	92

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-13, 3-22, 4-27, 5-35, 6-35, 7-57, 8-68, 9-70, 10-92.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Mahon	10	4	23	4
Pritchard	10	4	27	2
Spink	5.5	5	24	1
Stanton	5	1	13	3

HKCC

T. G. C. Knight, b. Bell	20
G. H. P. Pritchard, c. Souza b. Teh	19
L. L. Stanton, c. Whitehead b. Teh	49
R. M. Macpherson, b. Bell	3
T. A. Pearce, c. English b. Dhaner	28
D. W. Leach, not out	12
J. N. R. Pickstone not out	27
Extras	12
Total (for five wickets)	220

H. R. O. Hubble, K. G. Spink, R. H. Hughes and T. P. Mahon did not bat. Fall of wickets: 1-49, 2-51, 3-57, 4-137, 5-137.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Whitehead	5	1	14	1
Teh	15	1	72	2
Bell	9	3	31	2
Davidson	8	0	40	0
Jenner	4	1	25	0
Dhaner	7	0	20	1

DESPITE SWISS MISSES, THE GRASSHOPPERS ARE STILL UNDEFEATED

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Hongkong Selection 1, Grasshoppers 2

The crowd that attended this game at the Club Stadium yesterday was not nearly as big as the one that had watched the first game of the series . . . and it was the ones who stayed away who were the losers. This was by far the better game of the two. Here we had a Hongkong side that was really trying every inch of the way. It was one in which the players were ready, as long as their physical condition permitted, to work hard enough for two, and it was only when the pace and the persistence of the visitors told its inevitable tale that the home boys went down to defeat.

However, don't get any ideas that we were unlucky to lose. That, even with the most partial appreciation, could not be suggested. The Grasshoppers were always playing well within themselves and in the end their precise forward movement swung the game in their favour.

Nevertheless the goal that won the game was in many ways an unsatisfactory one and I think that the most fair-minded folks will agree that Ballaman, the scorer, looked just about the most surprised person on the field when he realised that his happy-go-lucky looping shot had landed in the back of the net.

Play started off at a fast pace and right from the word 'Go' the home side applied the pressure. Their fast open moves had the visitors in trouble and while the Grasshoppers looked dangerous enough in attack it was the Hongkong boys who came nearest to opening the scoring.

Play moved from end to end in an entertaining way and a great shout went up as Morris moved quickly into position to run on to the pass from Ho Cheung-yau and put the home team ahead after 25 minutes' play.

The visitors claimed that the scorer was off-side but the linesman who was up with play was adamant that he was on the side when the ball was played to him. Hongkong held their solitary goal advantage until the interval.

DEFENCE HELD OUT

After the turnabout the Hongkong side started to lose the initiative and the visitors, for the home side Pau King-yin, the winning goal apart, had a good game. Both backs played well and wing-halves Higgins and both defended well and put some grand balls forward to their attack.

The front line all did well at some time in the game but Szeto Man and Ho Cheung-yau must shoulder the balance of blame for the second half fade-out. As soon as they stopped going for the ball the Swiss side came right on its game.

The Swiss team is a good one as far as football is concerned. They play some delightful stuff . . . but their finishing is woefully weak.

At this stage the Hongkong boys persisted in trying to push the play down the left wing. Although almost played out of the game at this stage the homeboys very nearly took the lead. First of all Chu Wing-wah, with one of his few chances, hit the post, and later only a magnificent save by Kunz kept out a Ho Cheung-yau header.

With three minutes left for play tragedy came to the Hongkong side. A loose ball was allowed to travel from wing to wing across field. Suddenly play was switched back to the middle and Ballaman, standing about four yards outside the penalty area, swung his right boot at the ball. It was a dip in the back of the net with Pau King-yin making no effort to save.

The defence played hard enough that it had little time to think about helping the men up front . . . in fact it was often very much the other way round and Mok Chun-wah was frequently away back among the defenders thinking about saving, rather than scoring, goals.

WEAKNESS UP FRONT It was up front that Hongkong had its real weaknesses. The defence line was a miserable failure and, apart from Mok Chun-wah, not one of the 'stars' justified his selection or enhanced his reputation.

However, it is an old soccer adage that in the final reckoning it's only goals that count. Viewed in this light many spectators will no doubt contend that Hongkong was unlucky to be denied a goal scored by Tang-Yee-kit about 15 minutes from the end of . . . but from the speed with which the linesman's flag went up there was little doubt that the Bussman was offside . . . and the disgraceful demonstration by the crowd reflected as little credit on the culprits who threw oranges and sitting mats at the linesman and the referee who allowed the situation to continue unchecked without stopping play and calling for intervention by the police.

As it was, the linesman was subjected to severe abuse, and it was almost impossible for either him or the players in his vicinity, to give their undivided attention to the game with all sorts of missiles flying around their heads.

Play in the first half was certainly without ever being really thrilling. Grasshoppers should have scored on several occasions, but wasted many golden opportunities.

The leading up work of Ballaman, R. Vornathen and Vukosavljevic was often brilliant but their finishing was atrocious. Chances galore went begging and the visitors nearly paid dearly for their squandering when just before the interval Tang Yee-kit had a great chance to put the home side in the lead, but from three yards he fluffed his shot and it slid harmlessly past the post.

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All Hongkong 0, Grasshoppers 1

Don't let this score fool you and don't let all the stories of Hongkong's disallowed goal give you the idea that the Colony side was really on a par with the visitors. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The facts are that only a shocking finishing weakness among the Grasshopper forwards and some brilliant and courageous goalkeeping by Wai Fat-kim kept the score within respectable dimensions.

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From Ronald Boxall

London, Jan. 25.

Britain's present economic situation bewilders the ordinary Briton. He finds no help at all studying various diagnoses of writers of learned articles on the subject. Yet he asks seemingly a simple three point question: "Are we in the middle of an inflation, on the verge of inflation or in no danger whatever of inflation? Experts answer "yes" to all three possibilities — it depends on which expert you consult.

The real result turns of course on what is meant by inflation. And it is on this very point that the experts differ.

The experts, however, are in full accord on one thing. Inflation, they declare, is an abnormal condition and should be treated as such. The danger in much current

economic thinking is that it lulls the nation into a state of complacency about inflation. It takes as its starting point the proposition that full employment and inflation go hand in hand. Rising prices, the argument runs, is the price — and a small one at that — which we pay for security of employment, rising production and freedom from economic controls.

This argument is unfair as well as dangerous. It implies that we have to choose between constantly falling purchasing power of our money and unemployment. So long as production goes on rising, we are told, in effect we can always compensate for the rise of prices by demanding (and getting) higher wages — thus keeping the ball of inflation rolling.

The weakness of this theory as Mr D. J. Roberts, Chairman of the National Provincial Bank, pointed out in his annual statement last week is that it "implies a precision in economic management that has yet to be displayed." In other words who is going to ensure that what starts out as a "mild" inflation does not get out of hand and like an overdose of drugs kill the system it is supposed to stimulate.

But there are other reasons apart from the fallibility of economic planners why this comfortable theory is liable to break down in practice. In the first place, said Mr Roberts, such a policy — one of tolerating or even deliberately engendering a yearly dose of inflation — is only possible for a country in Great Britain's position if the rest of the world is doing much the same thing. Otherwise our exports will sooner or later price themselves out of the market with consequent unemployment or our currency will have to be devalued again to maintain the balance of payments.

WAGE BATTLE

Secondly, is it presupposes a yearly battle for increased wages, always fought and lost on the issue of trying to restore the standards of the workers instead of that of raising productivity.

Thirdly, unless prices can be kept reasonably stable the cost of social services must constantly be increased, with consequent pressure to reduce the National Insurance Scheme or of the national budget.

This effectively demolishes the "mild inflation" theory. But it is not enough to show up its wrong-headedness. Something must be put in its place. The question is: can we have full employment and still be free from the curse of rising prices?

According to the experts full employment and inflation are not incompatible parts of the same phenomenon. The former may be a symptom of the latter; but it is inflation and not full employment that is the abnormal condition. It happens when demand outstrips supply; in other words when too many money chases too few goods. To maintain full employment and kill the germ of inflation it is necessary to ensure that production not only rises but rises in line with demand, both at home and abroad. It is easier to point to a remedy, however, than to say how it is to be put into effect. It requires not only the means, but the will to make ourselves more efficient.

PROFITS

It would certainly help if the Government took a little less of industry's profits and if those profits were put into use that would result in the maximum benefit to the national economy. But even if the Government produced the incentive and industrialists did everything that was required of them the effort would be wasted if the trade unions changed their attitude towards the "profit motive" which is the driving force of our economy. They should realize that there is nothing anti-social about profit; that on the contrary they are the legitimate reward of enterprise without which Britain will drop behind in the industrial race.

This is the theme that runs through this year's bank chairman's statements, the first batch of which was published last week. It will be taken up by more and more leaders of public opinion as the situation becomes clearer and as it is realized that the nation is the only one that has the means to pull itself out of its present predicament.

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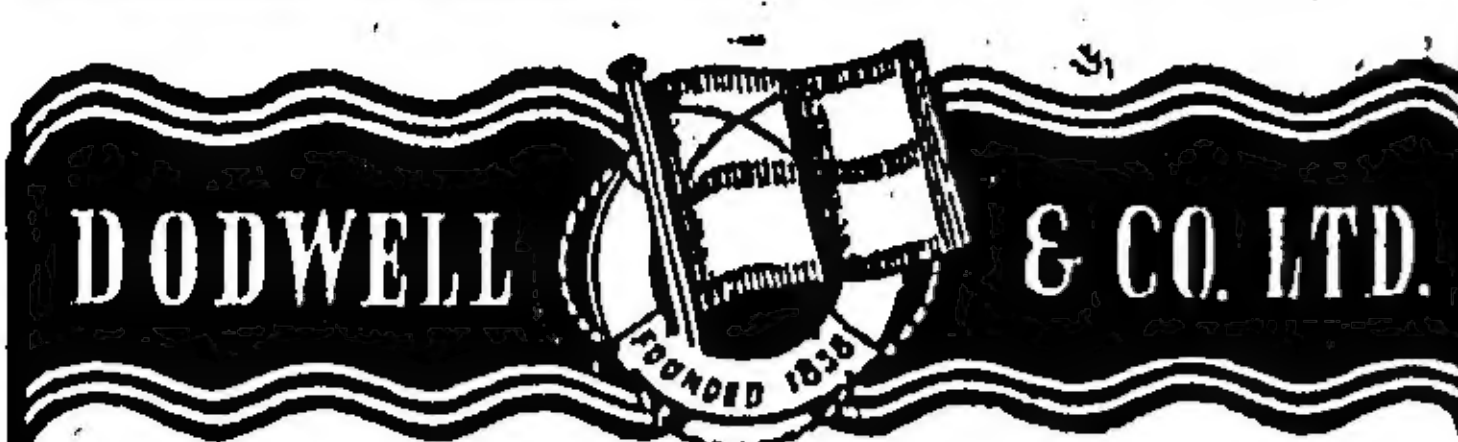
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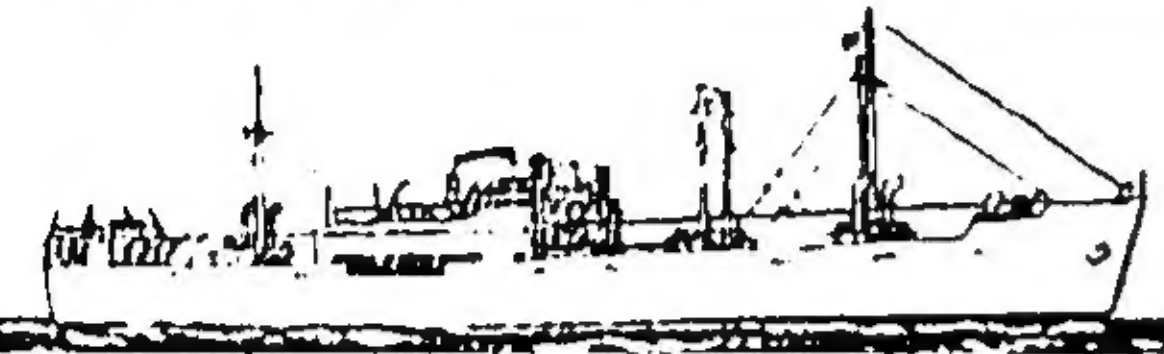
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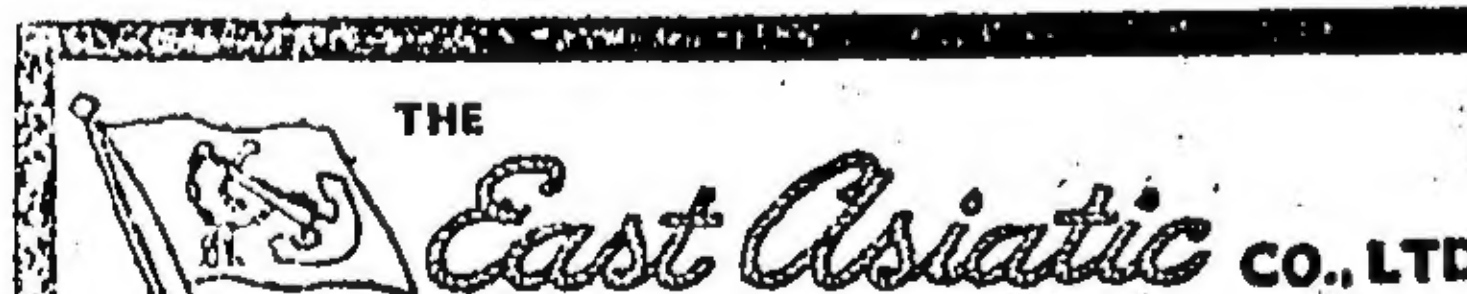
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THE RENAISSANCE OF INDIAN WOMEN

Today is the fifth anniversary of the Republic of India and on this occasion Nayanara Sahgal tells of the emergence of Indian women from seclusion to the front ranks of public life.

Few movements of modern times have been so rapidly and unobtrusively accomplished as the emergence of the Indian woman into public life, and this despite her prolonged past of subjugation. No fanfare has heralded her entry into politics and the professions, no militant feminism marks her outlook to the world. She quietly accepts her rights of equal citizenship with man and takes it for granted that each day should open up for them opportunities such as she has not enjoyed for the last few hundred years.

Today there are thirty-four women in Parliament and countless numbers in the professions, a transition made in the relatively brief span of twenty-five or thirty years. And yet this has been a remarkably silent revolution during the barest ripple in the country's life.

Though the reasons for its nature go far back, it began, as all revolutions begin, at a particular psychological moment, when, in response to Mahatma Gandhi's appeal, women of all classes of society came forward in large numbers to take their places beside their menfolk in the struggle for India's freedom.

Gandhi's call was the seed sown at the right time in fertile soil. Inevitably it bore fruit. But it was the soil itself which accounted, if not for the actual phenomenon, for the calm manner in which it took place: making it possible for women to emerge poised and self-confident from the sheltering confines of purdah and all the restrictions imposed on her by long-observed custom into a position where she is not deterred from any opportunity for service.

Accomplished with the speed of a revolution it is in reality a renaissance.

Today she represents a curious paradox, this woman who has surrendered neither her traditional graceful attire nor any portion of her essentially feminine outlook to the demands of modern times. In the framework of tradition she carries on an efficient job of work. Though she stands on the threshold of great changes in a nation whose social and economic fabric is undergoing a transformation though she herself is an integral and active part of this upheaval, she remains, nevertheless, the representative of a steadfast way of life. In India she is one of many reminders that this country's past is an indispensable accompaniment to the understanding of its modern trends. Only in its historical perspective can this paradox be properly understood.

There is a common heritage to which all women are heir. Their common functions and responsibilities have bound them and to some extent have limited them. In most countries of the world their development has been along somewhat similar lines, restrictions giving way gradually to freedom, an unenlightened attitude toward them being replaced by greater privileges for them.

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All over the world there have been periods when woman's status as a human being has counted for little. Until recently society has almost universally kept her in the home, overruling her participation in any but the domestic sphere. But apart from this general similarity of background, the Indian woman, as that of every coun-

try, has a unique heritage, distinct from the one she shares with the women of the world. It is this heritage, peculiarly her own, which explains the nature of her emergence into India's life.

Unique, first of all, is the fact that she was never compelled to fight for her rights. Recently in the West women have had to demand their rights, prove their capabilities, and assert their independence. That this did not happen in India is in part responsible for the Indian woman's attitude today. She was, in fact, invited to assume greater responsibility and encouraged to contribute to the changes that Gandhi urged upon all Indians. "Brothers and Sisters," began all political speakers of the civil disobedience days. Women were always present in the audience and it was taken for granted that they were there for guidance and hard work as were the men. Like the men they were arrested and imprisoned. Together they tackled Gandhi's programme.

Unique, also, was the reason, reaching far back to the begin-

ning of the understanding of Indian womanhood today.

The curtain rises over ancient India revealing a remarkable scene of advanced civilisation, an already old and established one of well-ordered city states and vital active citizens.

While the men were engaged in securing their conquest of the land of North India, woman functioned in both the domestic and the public spheres. She combined in herself the role of wife and mother and that of active citizen in the life of the community. These two facets of her life were, in fact, inseparable.

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The ideal of the wife in 2500 B.C. was the woman well-versed in the scriptures, one whose education had been designed to enable her to perform the sacramental duties besides her husband. Healthy enough to bear strong sons for battle, wise enough to bring them up in traditions of honour, woman, the cultured and beautiful consort of her warrior husband, was expected

changes took place in the attitude towards her and in society's treatment of her. She retreated to a narrow sphere, her earlier freedom severely curtailed. New political and social conditions gave rise to new observations, and these gained ground through usage. The Indian woman, like her sister in medieval Europe, was not a person in her own right.

Despite this decline the early ideal was not obliterated. Though men had forgotten it, India's literature and temple art still bore tumultuous witness to it. No woman in the world had been so lavishly portrayed in her many moods in words, in colours, and in stone. Rich, exuberant and ornate, painting and sculpture depicted her as only a cherished being could have been depicted. Creating her in exotic splendour, with almond eyes and luxuriant tresses, bejewelled and beautifully groomed, they portrayed her as a woman who gloried in her femininity. Showing her unveiled in public places, in processions, at banquets and assemblies, they paid tribute to her as an intelligent and conscientious member of society.

COSTUMES OF INDIA



A group of girls photographed in the different costumes of the various regions of India.—P.B. India Photo.

to be all things that man had not the leisure to be. Widowhood was no bar from a full life, no bar either from re-marriage. "Rise up, woman," says a hymn of the Rig-Veda to the widow, "thou art lying by one whose life is gone; come to the world of the living, away from thy husband."

Vedic India produced an ideal of womanhood such as did not exist in any part of the ancient world. Neither the lofty pedestal nor the submissive veil was its hallmark.

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Woman trod the earth free and proud of bearing, as befitting the consort of a conqueror. Vedic Indians thought poorly of asceticism.

Full-blooded men and women who glorified the institution of marriage, the birth of children, and the duty of all able persons to their community, the concept of renunciation found little support among them. This came later when the changing fortunes of history created the need for a different outlook. In India's first fresh dawn it had no place. Not godliness but humanity was the exalted ideal. Even the Vedic gods were like humans, with the same tempestuous appetites as human beings, often assuming human form and living among men and women. No other age could have produced the concept of Ardhanarishvara. This Almighty Himself, was half woman and half man.

In later times the status of women gradually declined. India was no exception to the worldwide trend that kept woman subservient to man throughout the Middle Ages and up to recent times. When invasions from Central Asia revealed India, when the country's political and social structure was shaken, and when as a result of this woman's position suffered degradation

change, for example, in her style of dress. The essentials of her equal citizenship with man too, were recognised long ago in her own culture on her own soil, in this very land. They did not have to be borrowed from another source.

But centuries of indifference to her welfare separate her from her early heritage. It is true that even during this period there were women who distinguished themselves in a variety of fields. There has been no dearth of illustrious women in Indian history. There have been scholars, philosophers and poets among them, queen regents and rulers, even women who went into battle.

But by and large they have suffered as a result of the many restrictions imposed upon them.

Between the distant past and the present time society offers a tarnished record where its treatment of woman is concerned. It is to erase this that the Constitution of India now guarantees to her equality of opportunity with man. A concrete step towards this is the Hindu Code Bill now being debated in Parliament which seeks a more just status for women with regard to marriage and divorce laws and the inheritance of property.

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Its guiding principle is not a breaking away from the past but a reformation of past ideals and an effort to adapt them to modern times.

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